THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) The Food Corporation of India has decided to close down 13 Modern Rice Mills (MRM), including the one at Durgapur, as these were found to be consistently un-economical. 59 labourers employed by Handling and Transport Contractor at MRM, Durgapur, are affected due to closure of this Mill.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d). It is not possible for FCI to provide employment to the labourers employed by H&T contractor at MRM, Durgapur. These were the labourers employed by the contractor and there is no employer—employee relationship between the FCI and such labourers employed by the H&T contractors.

Construction of NAFED House

1743. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the construction work of NAFED House is still incomplete despite expenditure of Rs. 2.20 crores during the last five years; and

(b) if so, whether any irregularities have been noticed in the construction work and if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The construction work of NAFED House is complete for which the Delhi Development Authority also issued Completion Certificate in May, 1988. No irregularity in the construction work has come to the notice of the Government. It is, however, understood from NAFED that there were certain difficulties with the contractors in expeditious and satisfactory completion of work.

List of banned Pesticides

1744. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a list of banned pesticides and also those which are likely to be banned i.e. those banned in other countries but still in use in India has been prepared and if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) whether in view of the successes achieved by the ICAR/Government Laboratories in the field of Biological Control of Pesticides and development of pesticides of Plan origin, Government propose to review their policy towards manufacturing and imports of chemical pesticides ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV) : (a) In India, two insecticides, namely, Endrin and Ethyl Parathion have been phased out; 18 pesticides as per list at statement-I have not been approved for registration. (See below). The use of Dieldrin, EDB and Aluminium phosphide is restricted. The use of BHC has been restricted to its present level. The list of pesticides whose use may be restricted in future subject to detailed investigation, is placed at statement-II. (*See* below).

(b) Government is already promoting use of biological control agents as the major component of "Integrated Pest Management" strategy.

Statement-I

Insecticides not approved for registration.

1. Calcium arsenate
2. Lead arsenate
3. Cabophenthion (Trithion)